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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 150, ARTICLE V, SECTION 150-207 TO PERMIT THE USE OF IN-LINE SKATES ON ROADWAYS IN THE CENTRAL TRAFFIC DISTRICT OR ANY BUSINESS DISTRICT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta wants to encourage and promote alternative modes of transportation that are environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS, certain citizens in the City of Atlanta would like to be able to use in-line skates as their alternative method of commuting; and

WHEREAS, currently Chapter 150, Article V, Section 150-207 does not address the use of in-line skates in the central traffic district or any business district;

Now Therefore, the Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia Hereby Ordains as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 150, Article V, Section 150-207 be amended by deleting the current title of the section and inserting the following new title:

Use of coasters, roller skates, in-line skates, and similar devices.

Section 2: That Chapter 150, Article V, Section 150-207(a) be amended to insert the following sentence before the last sentence of the section:

The terms “roller skates,” “coaster,” “toy vehicle,” and “similar device,” as used in this subsection, shall not be construed to include the term “in-line skates.”

Section 3: That Chapter 150, Article V, Section 150-207(c) be amended to delete the current language and to insert in lieu thereof the following language:

(c) *In-line skates in business districts.* The use of in-line skates on roadways in the central traffic district or any business district is permitted at all times, except:

(i) during the hours of _____ to _____;

(ii) at other times as city officers or elected city officials may deem appropriate.

All traffic laws applicable to the use of bicycles shall also apply to the use of in-line skates.

The term “in-line skates,” as used in this section, shall mean a manufactured or assembled device consisting of an upper portion that **is** intended to be secured to a human foot, ~~with a frame~~ or chassis attached along the length of the bottom of such upper portion, with such ~~frame~~ or chassis holding **two** or more wheels that are longitudinally aligned and used to skate or glide, by means of human foot and leg power while having such device attached to each such foot or leg.

Section 4: That Chapter 150, Article V, Section 150-207(d) be amended to delete the current language and to insert in lieu thereof the following language:

(d) ***Prohibited acts.*** It shall be unlawful for persons **so skating** or riding to gather in crowds ~~or~~ to create noise or engage in any disorderly conduct or to take hold of or hang onto any automobile or other vehicle or in any way to interfere with the natural progress of vehicles along and in the streets of the city or for **two** or more persons to join hands while skating on the sidewalk. Persons so skating or riding shall give right-of-way to and in no way interfere with persons walking on the sidewalks.

Section 5: That Chapter 150, Article V, Section 150-207 be amended by inserting a new subsection (e) that shall read as follows:

(e) ***Duty of parent or guardian.*** The parent **of** any child and **the** guardian of the person of any ward shall not authorize or knowingly ~~permit~~ that child or ward to violate this section.

Section 6: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.